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Dear Key Stage 2 Parents and Carers,

Please carefully read this information related to your child's education.

AR Username:

AR Password:

Research shows your child's educational success is largely driven by how much they read and that pupils who read for pleasure achieve more highly than those who do not. I often speak with Year 6 parents at this stage in the year who ask me what they can do to help their child succeed with their End of Key Stage 2 SATs exams and the answer I always give is the same: read. This is why we have invested so much money over the past three years in new books and a program called Accelerated Reader which will help teachers, parents and, most importantly, your child ensure they are reading the right books, engaging with reading and achieving well at school.

Accelerated Reader is a web-based program that provides us and you with important information about your child's reading, including their reading age and information about which books they should be reading. It is not an e-books platform. All pupils from Year 3 up use Accelerated Reader in and out of school and your child's login details are provided with this letter.

Each half term, all pupils in Key Stage 2 take an assessment which has provided us with their reading age and their Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD) - this is the range in which books will provide the right amount of challenge to allow your child to improve as a reader most efficiently. The results of this assessment are shared with this letter.

How does Accelerated Reader work?

Children choose books they want to read (from the school library, book corner or from books you have at home) ideally within their ZPD range – we do not insist on this however, as pupil choice is so important to developing a love of read. Children can read books outside of this range, but they are likely to either be very easy or quite challenging, though pupils' enjoyment of reading is equally as important. Your child's ZPD is provided with this letter.



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Once your child has finished reading a book, they log in to their Accelerated Reader page, ideally within 24 hours, to take a short quiz. They will be asked multiple choice questions about the book they have just read to check their understanding, with optional extra quizzes available for some books. Time has been allocated within the school timetable for pupils to take quizzes, but they are able to do so at home on tablets, phones or computers using the login details provided with this letter. You will be able to see how your child has done on any quiz, include ones completed in the past, on your child's Accelerated Reader page.

Each half term in school, pupils will be assessed and we will be able to track improvements in their reading age and ability and help to provide the right support to ensure all of our pupils become good readers. This information, as well as the progress they make with their reading quizzes, will be shared with you alongside reports and at parents/carers evenings.

To help your child now and in future with their education:

1. **Ensure they are reading at home every day for at least 15-20 minutes a day.** That can be with you or independently. You can use the website www.arbookfind.co.uk to search for books within your child's ZPD range that interest them.
2. Ensure your child uses Accelerated Reader to quiz as soon as they finish a book. You can see their results and progress within the 'progress' section. Either scan the QR code attached to this letter on a tablet or phone or bookmark the url: ukhosted119.renlearn.co.uk/2239621/

You cannot Google the link; it must be copied exactly as above. We recommend bookmarking it on a browser for easier access in future. There is a QR code attached to this letter which can be used with tablets and phones to take your child straight to the website.

Please note that not all books are quizzable on Accelerated Reader; however, thousands are so the books your child reads are likely to be on there.

We have invested heavily in reading because of how vital reading is to your child's success at school. With the recent disruption to young people's education across the nation, it is more important than ever that your child is reading every day at home. If you would like more information about Accelerated Reader, please see the following link: renaissance.com/2016/09/09/parents-guide-renaissance-accelerated-reader-360/

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